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MASERU FOR CONGRESSMAN YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (CONGRESSMAN YOUNG) SF

SUBJECT: FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION INVITATION TO CONG. YOUNG

1. DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION (PRETORIA)
CAS DE VILLIERS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE THIS MORNING
IN ATTEMPTING TO PUT HIM IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH
CONGRESSMAN YOUNG. ASKING THAT THE INFORMATION BE KEPT
CONFIDENTIAL FOR THE PRESENT, DE VILLIERS SAID FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ASSOCIATION PLANS A CONFERENCE IN 1977 TO WHICH CONGRESSMAN
YOUNG WILL BE INVITED. THE SUBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE WILL
BE "POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION IN A PLURAL SOCIETY" AND THE
PURPOSE IS TO PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICIANS THAT
"DRAMATIC AND IMAGINATIVE CHANGES MUST BE MADE IN SOUTH
AFRICA AND IT MUST BE MADE NOW." ACCORDING TO DE VILLIERS,
CONCEPT OF CONFERENCE HAD BEEN RECENTLY DISCUSSED IN U.S.
WHERE IT ENCOUNTERED "ASTOUNDINGLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE."
DE VILLIERS HAD BROACHED IT WITH YVONNE BURKE AMONG SEVERAL
OTHERS AND SHE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IF
TIMING IS RIGHT. STRESSING STRICTLY PRIVATE NATURE
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, DE VILLIERS SAID PURPOSE
IN INVITING YOUNG WAS NOT TO ATTEMPT TO BRAINWASH HIM IN
ANY WAY BUT TO ENLIST HIS HELP IN PERSUADING THE
POLITICIANS OF THE URGENT NEED FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE.

2. DE VILLIERS HAS WRITTEN TO YOUNG ABOUT THE PROPOSED
CONFERENCE, BUT HE WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK
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DIRECTLY WITH HIM IN THE EXPECTATION THAT YOUNG MAY HAVE

ANY QUESTIONS TO ASK. DE VILLIERS THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT
YOUNG, IF HE HAS TIME, TELEPHONE HIM. DE VILLIERS CAN BE
REACHED AT THE FOLLOWING PRETORIA NUMBERS UNTIL 1300 HRS,
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3: OFFICE, 012-746-441 OR 012-746-766;
HOME, 012-72-300.
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